

Tommie LaTrail Ford was murdered on Easter Sunday April 12, 9am. His body wasn't found until May 6th in the wooded part of Hoyt Park in Saginaw Michigan.

On April 12th, 8:30 am. My son was picked up by three individuals. Emily Moore, Adrian Combs, and Oliver Webb. That was the last time I seen my baby alive. That Monday I went to Oliver house. He proceeded to tell me that they dropped my son off on 6th and Kirk in Saginaw. This was not true.

The police arrested Oliver Webb for the murder of my son. Oliver let my son lay out in the woods and rot for three and a half weeks. Later I found out he bragged about the slaying to his friends and Oliver planned on putting Tommie's skull in his closet for a "Trophy". Oliver was going back to Tommie's body and cutting it, so that the body could deteriorate faster. Oliver cut my son's chest open and pulled out his teeth so he could not be identified, but GOD blessed some of Tommie's skin was left on his fingers.

There are four HB that are on the floor today. HB 4806, 4807, 4808, 4809. If these bills past, my son's murderer has an option that I feel he shouldn't have. It's been 15yrs and you're saying to my family and I that we have to relive the murder, trail, pain, every two yrs (retro) just because you believe he wasn't mature enough to understand what he was doing?? He was mature enough to go online to look up information on how to speed up the decay of my son's body. He was mature enough to use an isolated spot. He was mature enough to remove some of Tommie's ' ' teeth so authorities could not identify the corpse through dental records. Need I say more.....because there is more.

Tommie has five sisters and one brother that miss him every day.

Please help us and NOT allow these BILLS to past. Thank you

# Victim made gory 'trophy'

*A Saginaw teen used grisly tactics to cover his tracks in an Easter morning murder, authorities say.*

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A love-struck Saginaw teen-ager killed a romantic rival, mutilated the body, then bragged about the slaying and displayed the corpse like a prize, prosecutors claim.

Oliver Webb IV was 16 last Easter when he shot Tommie L. Ford in a field near Hoyt Park and Calvary Cemetery. Assistant Prosecutor Paul M. Fehrman said Wednesday in his opening statement in Saginaw County Circuit Court. Webb, 17, is on trial facing charges of first-degree murder, armed robbery and possessing a firearm while committing a felony in the slaying of the 17-year-old Ford.

The murder charge carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole. Webb, who lived at 1612 S. Jefferson, remains in jail without bond. On the day of the slaying, Webb went to the home of his girlfriend, 18-year-old Emily Moore, who was preparing for church. They argued

about their deteriorating 4-month-old relationship, the prosecutor said. When Moore admitted having feelings for Ford, Webb responded by saying Ford would have to die, Fehrman said.

Webb and Moore got into her car and picked up Webb's 16-year-old cousin, Adrian Combs, who was carrying his .22-caliber pistol, Fehrman said.

The trio picked up Ford at his home on Sheridan near Morris and drove down a gravel road near South Jefferson and Rust and stopped in an isolated spot.

Webb ordered everybody out of car and demanded to know what was going on between Moore and Ford, Fehrman said.

Moore pulled a .22-caliber revolver from under a car seat and threatened to kill herself, but Webb grabbed the pistol and shot Ford in the head three times, the prosecutor said.

Webb snatched from Ford's neck a necklace that belonged to Moore. The defendant kicked Ford and called him a vulgar name, Fehrman said.

Later that day at church, Moore told someone of the shooting, Fehrman said.

A few days later, Webb told Moore he returned to the shooting scene, cut open Ford's

abdomen to speed up the body's decay, and removed some of Ford's teeth so authorities could not identify him through dental records, Fehrman said.

The teen also said he planned to put Ford's skull in his closet, Fehrman added.

Webb boasted about the shooting, took young friends to see the body and dragged the corpse 130 feet from a ditch to a spot near a utility pole to get it away from the road, he said.

"He was showing his trophy," Fehrman said. Police found Ford's remains May 6.

Webb's attorney, Rodney J. O'Farrell, told jurors that witnesses will give inconsistent testimony.

"Listen to the witnesses to see if they know what they're talking about," he said.

Some of them tried to shield Webb from arrest, and Moore will testify that she doesn't remember who took the weapon from her hand, he said. O'Farrell suggested Webb could have killed Ford accidentally.

"It wasn't premeditated," O'Farrell said.

Chief Circuit Judge Leopold P. Borrello likely will tell jurors they can consider finding Webb guilty of second-degree murder, which is a lesser charge, he said.

The trial was to resume today. ■



# Jurors convict slayer-mutilator

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Barbara Clark said she could hardly bear to look at the photos of her slain son's mutilated body that prosecutors showed to a Saginaw County Circuit Court jury.

"That was really hard for me," said Clark, the mother of Tommie L. Ford. "God gave me the strength to get through it. I really couldn't believe that a person could do that to another person."

Clark, 40, was in the courtroom Thursday when jurors returned guilty verdicts against Oliver Webb IV, her son's killer.

The jury convicted the 17-year-old Webb, who lived at 1612 S. Jefferson, of first-degree premeditated murder, armed robbery and possessing a firearm while committing a felony in the April 12 slaying of Ford, 17.

Chief Circuit Judge Leopold P. Borrello will sentence Webb on Thursday, May 6. Webb's murder conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

Prosecutors said Webb was a love-struck 16-year-old when he killed his romantic rival in front of his girlfriend and another teen, mutilated the body, then bragged about the slaying and displayed the corpse like a

trophy.

Police found Ford's decomposing body May 6 in a field near Hoyt Park and Calvary Cemetery.

The morning of the murder, Webb went to the home of his girlfriend, 18-year-old Emily Moore, as she prepared for church. They argued about their 4-month-old relationship and Moore told Webb she had feelings for Ford, prosecutors said.

The teens got into her car and picked up Webb's 16-year-old cousin, Adrian Combs, who was carrying his .22-caliber pistol, authorities said.

The trio picked up Ford at his home on Sheridan near Morris, drove down a gravel road near South Jefferson and Rust, and stopped in an isolated spot.

Webb demanded to know what was going on between Moore and Ford.

Moore pulled the revolver from under a car seat and threatened to kill herself, but Webb grabbed the pistol and shot Ford in the head three times, prosecutors said.

Webb later told Moore he returned to the slaying scene and cut open Ford's abdomen to speed up the body's decay.

The teen said he planned to give his victim's bones to his dog and that he would put Ford's skull in his closet, authorities said. ■